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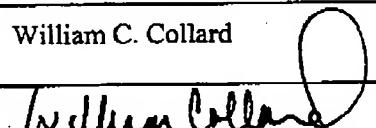
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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Commissioner of Patents MAIL STOP RCE P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number | 10/550,588 |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other _____2. Miscellaneousa. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) for a large entity (\$810.00)ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$__ enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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